



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Tetsushi TAGUCHI et al.**

Art Unit: **1654**

Application Number: **10/543,156**

Examiner: **Julie Ha**

Filed: **April 20, 2006**

Confirmation Number: **2620**

For: **BIODEGRADABLE AND PRESSURE-SENSITIVE MATERIAL FOR  
MEDICAL USE**

Attorney Docket Number: **052075**

Customer Number: **38834**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 18, 2008

Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election of species dated April 25, 2008, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the following:

alkali-solubilized collagen from the "different biodegradable polymer";  
DMSO from the "different organic solvent";  
tri-carboxylic acid from the "different hardening component";  
succinimidyl from the "different hardening component";  
soft and soft from the "different bonding between different types of tissues (genera)";  
hemostatic from the "different intravascular material."

It is believed that claims 1-6 read on the elected species. Currently, claim 1 is generic.

The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

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The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sadao Kinashi", written in a cursive style.

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